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Make more effectual Provision for the Appointment of Watchmen in Towns in Ireland.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Seventeenth and Preamble.
Eighteenth Years of Her Majesty, intituled "An Act to 17 & 18 Vict
" make better Provision for the paving, lighting, draining, c. 102. s. 89.

" cleansing, supplying with Water, and Regulation of Towns in
5 " Ireland," it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be
lawful for the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, on the Application of the
Commissioners elected under the said Act, to increase the Constabulary
Force stationed in any such Town, to act as Watchmen within
such Town by Night, as they might be required by such Commis-
10 sioners or any Three of them: And whereas the said Provision of the
said recited Act has in many Cases been found inoperative by reason
of the great Expense consequent on the Application thereof, and the
Inability of Towns wherein the said Act has been introduced to bear
the additional Taxation required by such Expense: And whereas
15 it is expedient to amend the said Act: Be it enacted by the
Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and
Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this
[Bill 102.] present

present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

- Commence-
ment of Act. 1. This Act shall commence and take effect on the *First Day of January One thousand eight hundred and sixty-four.*
- Short Title. 2. This Act may for all Purposes be cited as "*The Towns Improvement (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1864.*"
- This Act
incorporated
with recited
Act. 3. This Act shall be deemed to be incorporated with the said recited Act, and shall be as if the said recited Act and this Act were One Act.
- Lord Lieu-
tenant may
authorize
Commission-
ers to appoint
Watchmen. 4. It shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland, on the Application of the Commissioners elected under the Provisions of the said recited Act in any City, Town Corporate, Borough, Market Town, or other Town in Ireland, to authorize and empower such Commissioners to appoint a sufficient Number of able Watchmen to keep watch within any such City or Town or Borough, or the Suburbs or Liberties thereof, and also to appoint the Times of Watch, and the Stations and the Duties of the several Watchmen, and to fine and dismiss any of such Watchmen at the Pleasure of such Commissioners, and to provide a Watch-house and all necessary Articles for such watching. 20
- Powers of
Watchmen 5. It shall be lawful for such Watchmen to apprehend all such idle and disorderly or drunken Persons as they or any of them shall find committing any Breach of the Peace, or making any improper Noise or Disturbance, during the Night or during their Watch, and to detain any such Persons till Morning, and then, or, if apprehended by Day, as soon as conveniently may be, to take such Person or Persons before any Justice of the Peace for or acting in the City, Borough, Town, or Place, to be dealt with according to Law; and if any Victualler, Publican, or other Person or Persons selling Beer or Spirituous Liquors shall entertain or harbour in his, her, or their House any such Watchman during his appointed Hours of Duty, such Victualler, Publican, or other Person or Persons shall forfeit for the Offence of so harbouring such Watchman any Sum not exceeding *Twenty Shillings.* 25
- Expenses of
Watch to be
paid out of
general
Assessments
authorized
by recited
Act. 6. It shall be lawful for such Commissioners and they are hereby empowered to defray the Expenses of maintaining and providing for the said Watch out of the general Assessments authorized to be levied under the Provisions of the said recited Act. 35

Watchmen in Towns (Ireland).

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the Appointment of Watchmen in
Towns in Ireland.

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